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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**INDIANAPOLIS ACCOUNTANT AND ANOTHER MAN  
SENTENCED TO PRISON IN TAX REFUND SCHEME**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT STOUT, 57, and CLIFTON JETT, 31, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, were sentenced today by Federal District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker to federal prison for their roles in a tax refund scheme in which they were charged with submitting false claims to the United States. STOUT, who was an accountant, prepared false W-2 earnings statements and prepared false tax returns for persons claiming they were entitled to earned income credits based on the false W-2s. The refunds ranged from about \$1,500 to \$6,000 per return. The returns included IRS W-2 income and withholding forms making it appear that the tax payer had worked a various companies and that the companies had withheld taxes on

behalf of them. In fact, the persons did not work for the companies, no taxes were withheld, and the tax payer was not entitled to a tax refund or earned income credit as represented on the tax returns. During the course of the scheme STOUT prepared approximated 60 false returns claiming refunds totaling \$256,000.

STOUT was sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment to be followed by 3 years' supervised release. He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$61,177 and barred from preparing income tax returns during his period of supervised release.

JETT was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment to be followed by 3 years' supervised release. JETT was one of the persons who submitted a false tax returns claims. JETT also recruited 16 other people to file false returns that were prepared by STOUT. The proceeds of the tax refunds were shared among various members of the conspiracy.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who prosecuted the case, the case was a result of a lengthy investigation by the Internal Revenue Service. The remaining defendant in the case, JAMES JOHNSON, is scheduled to be sentenced on February 10, 2006.

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